As the below named inventor(s), I (we) hereby declare that: My (Our) residence, post office address and citizenship(s) are as stated below next to my (our) name(s). I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ION-BEAM TREATMENT TO PREPARE SURFACES OF p-CdTe FILMS the specification of which (check one) as filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ ☑ is attached hereto and was amended I (We) hereby state that I (we) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I (We) acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). I (We) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) **Priority** claimed Number Country Filed (Day/Month/Year) No I (We) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I (we) acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing addate of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: Serial No. Filing Date Status POWER OF ATTORNEY: As the named inventor(s), I (we) hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Names and Registration Nos. Names and Registration Nos. Ken Richardson 27,378 Send Correspondence to: **Direct Telephone Calls to:** (Name and Telephone Numbers) Ken Richardson **Assistant Chief Patent Counsel** Ken Richardson National Renewable Energy Laboratory 1617 Cole Boulevard 303/384-7575

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WHEREAS, I, Timothy A. Gessert of 29801 Kennedy Gulch Road, Conifer, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado has invented certain new and useful improvements in <u>Ion-Beam</u>

<u>Treatment to Prepare Surfaces of p-CdTe Films</u>, for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application being identified as MRI/NREL IR No. 96-48; and; executed concurrently herewith; and;

WHEREAS, I now own the entire right, title and interest therein; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Research Institute, of 425 Volker Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri 64110, a corporation fully organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest therein and thereto;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and certain other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Timothy A. Gessert by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto the said Midwest Research Institute, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and the aforesaid application, for the United States of America and for all foreign countries and to all Letters Patents, continuations and reissues, and extensions to be obtained therefor; and I further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent, but at the expense of said assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue the Letters Patent solely in accordance with the terms of this assignment to Midwest Research Institute, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the date set forth hereinafter.

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared Richard K. Ahrenkiel, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 24th day of September, 1997.

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